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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), an extension of time of one month is hereby requested to file a response to an outstanding office action dated August 20, 2007. A reply to the office action was due within three months, i.e., November 20, 2007.

A one-month extension is respectfully requested, making the due date December 20, 2007. An extension fee in the amount of \$120.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. \$1.17 is due.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge payment of \$120.00 or any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions

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of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Respectfully submitted,

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